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Honorary Presidency Magistrates in the City of Madras.

* 556 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Honorary Presidency Magistrates in the City of Madras;

(*b*) the number of posts of Honorary Presidency Magistrates, if any reserved for the Harijans; and

(*c*) the period of the term of office of Honorary Presidency Magistrates;

the allowances, if any paid to them and the particulars thereof?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) (i) Number of Honorary Presidency Magistrates sitting in Benches—115.

(ii) Number of Honorary Presidency Magistrates sitting singly—11.

" (*b*) No such reservation.

" (*c*) (i) Generally two years.

(ii) The Honorary Presidency Magistrates are not paid any allowance except the Special Honorary Presidency Magistrates attached to the Railway Courts at Central and Egmore stations who are paid conveyance allowances of Rs. 80 and Rs. 40 per mensem respectively."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" இந்த Hony. Presidency Magistrate-களை அமர்த்தும் திட்டத்தில், அமர்த்தப்படும் நபர்களுடைய பொருளாதாரம், கல்வி, அந்தஸ்து முதலியவைகள் கவனிக்கப்படுகின்றனவா ? சென்னையில் எத்தனை ஹரிஜனங்கள் அமர்த்தப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the question was about reservation for Harijans and therefore I said that there was no such reservation. If the hon. Member wants to know the number of Harijans, he may put a separate question."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, in view of the difficult and onerous work that is turned out by these Special Honorary Magistrates in general, will the Government think of giving them conveyance allowances just as in the case of Magistrates of Railway Court, etc.? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the honorary nature of the job should not be impaired by giving them these allowances and we have not received any representations from these Honorary Magistrates. Let no suggestion go from this House that they are entitled to any such allowance."

Sri V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know whether any remuneration is paid to the Honorary Magistrates serving in the mufassal and if not, whether any proposal is under the consideration of the Government in this regard? " 8-40 a.m.

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No such proposal is under consideration and it is not desirable that any allowance or honorarium should be paid to Honourary Magistrate."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" May I know the powers that have been given to the Special Honorary Magistrates and Honorary Magistrates? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Honorary Magistrates sit in Benches. I think Special Honorary Magistrates sit singly trying more important cases and first-class cases."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have with me 350 questions ready with answers. I want that all these questions should be answered so that I may place more questions before the House for answer. Hon. Members seem to be inclined to put more supplementary questions and in these forty minutes only five or six questions have been gone through. So I shall pass on to the next question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I would like to bring to your notice, Sir, that there are questions and questions. Questions of the nature of the present one are of major importance and relate to the entire State. They should be given more time than particular questions which concern a particular district or a constituency about which information is sought."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If a particular Member is interested in a particular district or constituency, it does not mean that the question is an unimportant one. Every question is important to the Member who puts it. I shall pass on to the next question."

Construction of an anicut across Tirur-Ponnani river.

* 557 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to construct an anicut across Tirur-Ponnani river, South Malabar and a bund for Canolithodu near Koothai; and

" (*b*) The representation is under examination."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) A representation has been received on the subject.

" (*b*) The representation is under examination."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" For want of a bund at Koothai, wet lands are destroyed by salt water. May I know whether the Government will take immediate steps to construct a bund near Koothai? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A representation had come to us and that was examined. It was found that the scheme would be uneconomical and this fact was communicated to Mr. Kunhan